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For a variety of reasons I have not been able to write to you at leisure or have a long chat with you when you were free. I know how busy you were with the Quinquennial Conference.

I have three matters which lie heavily on my breast and I have been wanting to unburden myself for some time. But somehow, unsuccessfully I do so now.

(i) I have found it hard - it is becoming increasingly so - to be happy over being without work of some sort to keep me occupied. I have told you that I do like to do some work, of an honorary sort, to keep myself interested in the world. I sincerely hope this F.A.O offer will mature into something worthwhile.

(ii) I have determined to make an attempt to interpret our culture. I have passed on the manuscript on Dattatreya. I have given you the little study of Indo-African Trade. I have also finished one on "Nature Protection - Its Meaning and Problems - with special reference to Food." If I am not infringing on your time, I should like to send you after you have finished, these other works - these others for perusal and opinion.

(iii) I am becoming increasingly embarassed by the Ministry in regard to variety of matters - especially the Secretaries are <u>no longer what they were or are supposed to be.</u> They have become tools of the Ministry. All secrets are being divulged to them, specially by Darashah. Even Mr. Pallegar is doubtful, because he is a great follower and admirer of H. Siddaveerappa. That leaves only one loyal and <u>honest</u> person on the Staff - Major L. Mahadevaiah. I wish, and here I seek your advice and aid, to make a few changes whereby the Major becomes the senior-most in the Staff. He will be entirely loyal to me. The time of the present incumbents are over.

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New selections for Private Secretary and Huzur Secretary are due. I propose that all the private correspondence, foreign affairs, tours, Palace matters and ceremonials etc., will be entirely under the Major, who can be designated as Secretary-in-waiting. In which case automatically the Private Secretary and Huzur Secretary will become juniors to him and will no longer be in such a position as the present incumbents are, to betray me. Besides, I can never never be sure who will come as Private Secretary or Huzur Secretary and about their loyalty. When the time comes I want this to take place, so that no hitch occurs. Can you suggest at leisure a draft order that I can issue making these arrangements permanent.

I am sorry to trouble you. But I should like to settle all this fairly soon. The Ministry have promised the present Private Secretary and Huzur Secretary higher jobs and I cannot keep this up for ever, because I shall have to offer Private Secretary and Huzur Secretary consolation prizes to keep them here. And for how long can I do so. Knowing their own work and attitude, I have my own doubts of the advisability of prolonging their stay here.

I am sorry to trouble you like this. But I shall feel happy to have shared my thoughts and feelings with you.

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